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OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☒ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

— SEE OFFICE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES —

1. Claims 1-35 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over **Seeley et al. (Seeley)** patent no. **6,097,429**, in view of **Aggarwal et al. (Aggarwal)** patent no. **5,943,478**.

4. As to claim 1, Seeley teaches the invention substantially as claimed, including a server (site control unit, SCU 12, figure 1, col. 7 lines 31-59) for making it possible for a remote client (operator from central station, figure 1, col. 7 lines 31-59) to control image sensing means via a network (ISDN figure 1) and for providing a transfer service to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing means, to the client via said network, comprising:

input means for entering a request for information identifying the client to which the video information captured by said image sensing means is transferred (col. 9 lines 6-40).

However, Seeley does not explicitly teach notifying the information identifying the client.

Aggarwal teaches a user A logs in by contacting a Home Server (HS). The Home server notifies status of the user A to members that has the user A on their contact list (col. 2 lines 11-17; col. 5 lines 31-67).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Seeley and Aggarwal to notify whenever the client logs in the server because it would track and report the online status of the client.

5. As to claims 2-4, Seeley teaches said image sensing means is a camera and control of the image sensing means includes optical control and orientation control (col. 9 lines 6-40), and Seeley inherently teaches plurality of clients can receive video information via the network.

6. As to claims 5 and 7, Seeley teaches the invention substantially as claimed as discussed above; however, Seeley does not explicitly teach voice recognition and notification. Official Notice is taken that speech recognition and notification is well known. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the well known teachings with Seeley's security system to allow

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user to use voice to input information and receive audio output because it would free user's hands from typing to perform some other tasks.

7. As to claim 6, Seeley teaches information reported includes user names (col. 9 lines 6-40).

8. Claims 8-35 have similar limitations as claims 1-7; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached at (703) 305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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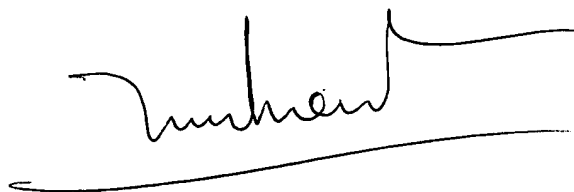
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Le Hien Luu', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

**LE HIEN LUU**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

December 05, 2001